(*a*) when the contract for the transportation of Diesel Oil (for the use of State Transport Buses) from Cochin to Quilon was assigned to the present contractor ;

(*b*) whether any tender was invited for the same at that time ; and

(*c*) when his term of contract expires ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) No contract was assigned for the transport of diesel oil from Cochin to Quilon.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (a) these questions do not arise.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know from Government whether any contract was given for the transportation of crude oil ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether any tender was invited at that time ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

Die-sets for the manufacture of blanks for coins.

257. ✻ **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR ;** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Die-sets for the manufacture of blanks for coins are cast here ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative why it cannot be cast here ;

(*c*) how many can be minted with one die-set (upper and lower die) ; and

(*d*) whether worn out dies are used for minting coins in the Government Mint ?

MR. M GOVINDA PILLAI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The mint is not at present equipped with the machinery required for casting Die-sets for the manufacture of blanks.

(*c*) About 3 lakhs of coins.

(*d*) No.

Ochira-Thamarakulam Road.

258 ✻ **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Ochira-Thamarakulam road was completed by the Public two years ago ;

(*b*) whether the people of the locality sent representations to Government regarding this matter ; and

(*c*) whether the people of the locality have any other means of approach into the interior except along this road ?

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